

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY; WESTERN WATERSHEDS
PROJECT; and PAT MUNDAY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA A. HAALAND, in her official
capacity as Secretary, U.S. Department of
the Interior; MARTHA WILLIAMS, in her
official capacity as Director, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service; and the U.S. FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE,

Defendants,

and

STATE OF MONTANA and MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE
AND PARKS,

Intervenor-Defendants.

CV-23-02-BU-BMM

ORDER

The State of Montana and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (together, “MFWP”) have moved to intervene as of right pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a), or in the alternative, permissively under Fed. R. Civ. P.

24(b). (Doc. 10.) Federal Defendants Debra A. Haaland, Martha Williams, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service take no position on MFWP's motion.

(Doc. 12.) For good cause showing,

IT IS ORDERED MFWP's Motion to Intervene (Doc. 10) is **GRANTED**.

The caption is modified as reflected above. The Clerk of this Court is directed to file the lodged Answer of Intervenor Defendant. (Doc. 10.)

DATED this 26th day of September 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Morris".

Brian Morris, Chief District Judge
United States District Court